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## House Bill 811 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

- 1 To amend an Act creating the State Court of Clayton County, approved January 28, 1964
- 2 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 2032), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 11, 1979 (Ga. L.
- 3 1979, p. 3838), and by an Act approved March 15, 1988 (Ga. L. 1988, p. 3933), and by an
- 4 Act approved April 4, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 4083), so as to provide an additional judge for
- 5 the State Court of Clayton County; to provide for the appointment of the initial additional
- 6 judge; to provide for the election of successors; to provide for terms of office of said
- 7 additional judge and successors to such judge; to provide for related matters; to provide an
- 8 effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

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- An Act creating the State Court of Clayton County, approved January 28, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964,
- 12 p. 2032), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 11, 1979 (Ga. L. 1979, p. 3838),
- and by an Act approved March 15, 1988 (Ga. L. 1988, p. 3933), and by an Act approved
- 14 April 4, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 4083), is amended by striking Section 3A and inserting in lieu
- 15 thereof a new Section 3A to read as follows:

16 "SECTION 3A.

- 17 Effective July 1, 2009, there shall be five judges of the State Court of Clayton County. The
- four judges in office on July 1, 2009, shall continue to serve the terms of office to which
- they were elected. The fifth judge added by this section shall be appointed by the Governor
- for an initial term of office ending December 31, 2010, and shall serve until a successor is
- elected and qualified. Successors to the four judges in office on July 1, 2009, and
- successors to the fifth judge added on that date shall be elected at the November general
- election in the year in which their respective terms of office expire, and they shall serve for
- terms of office of four years each and until their successors are elected and qualified."

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25	SECTION 2.
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- 26 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2009, except that the Governor is authorized to
- 27 appoint the additional judge added by Section 1 of this Act prior to such date but any person
- 28 so appointed shall not take office until such date.

## SECTION 3.

30 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.